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Good Afternoon Alan,

Testing results from Mabbett & Associates came in today. Mabbett & Associates Andrew Faust was on site December 20, 2017, he tested the four affected fountains from floors two through five. He then tested three unaffected locations, floors six and seven in the same riser of the four affected and one fountain across the building in the 6200 corridor.

Results from his efforts found all water samples yielded negative results from total coliforms/E. Coli. In addition, the results indicate that the flushing and chlorination efforts by the facilities team were successful. Based on the water testing results, the fountains affected by the incident may be brought back into service.

Regards,

On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 1:59 PM, Alan Zawatsky - WPM1D <alan.zawatsky@gsa.gov> wrote:

Lorento,

Well done. Please follow up on this email as soon as the results are in.

Much thanks,

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On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Lorento Neequaye - WPM1D <lorento.neequaye@gsa.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please see below, please let me know if you need further information:

On 12/14/17 at approximately 8:00 a.m a work order was given to the facilities plumber about a clogged water fountain outside of room 5358. The plumber verified the drain was clogged by pouring water down the drain and it not going down. He took the drain line trap apart and inserted the snake into the drain line.

Once he felt he had enough snake in the drain line past the point of the clog he asked a co-worker to pour water into the drain of the water fountain above him on the 6th floor. The water started coming out of the removed trap on the 5th floor and he told the co-worker to stop. Unbeknownst to the engineers, water fountains on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors began to overflow. Custodial calls came in for cleanup and efforts began right away.

The engineers moved the snake down to the 2nd floor and after removing the trap, they inserted the snake into the drain to attempt to unclog the drain line. At that point the snake became very stiff and got stuck.

Engineers were told to stop work and continue after normal working hours due to clean up efforts taking precedence and agency complaints regarding the situation at hand.

12/14/2017 approximately 6:00 p.m to 2:00 a.m the plumber returned to the facility, located the pipe in the basement and took it apart to get the stuck snake out. He put the drain line back together and went to the 2nd floor and slowly started pouring hot water into the water fountain drain to make sure the line was open. Continued this procedure for the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors and all drains were open. Cleaned up any remaining water on the floors, put equipment away and went home.

During this entire time there was no sewage water involved. Per the plumber, the black water is a product of coffee grounds, left over soup and any other liquid that was disposed of during a period of time. The decaying liquid is the cause of the black water and the smell.

12/15/2017 approximately 6:30 p.m., the custodial staff conducted a second round of cleaning/remediation efforts with the application of chlorinated disinfectant on all affected fountains and corridors within proximity.

12/20/2017 approximately 11:00 a.m., Mabbett & Associates, Inc. conducted water testing on the four affected fountains from floors two through five. Mabbett also tested three unaffected locations, floors six and seven in the same riser of the four affected and one fountain across the building in the 6200 corridor.

Testing can take up to 48 hours for results.

Regards,



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